ஒத்திவைப்புப் பிரேரணைக்கு உரியதல்ல. போனஸ் விஷயத்தைத் தொழிலாளர்கள் சட்டப்படி கவனிக்கக்கூடிய இயந்திரம் இருக்கிறது, அது கவனித்துக் கொண்டு வருகிறது. இது ஒத்திவைப்புப் பிரேரணைக்கு உரியதல்ல என்பதைத் தெரிவித்துக்கொள்ள விரும்புகிறேன்.

MR. SPEAKER : This is not a matter for an adjournment motion. Hence consent is withheld.

III.—GOVERNMENT MOTION.

SUSPENSION OF RULE 41 (3).

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, under Rule 244 of the Assembly Rules, I move—

"That sub-rule (3) of Rule 41 of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules, in so far as it requires that not more than two matters shall be raised under Rule 41 at the same sitting, be suspended."

The motion was put and carried.

IV.—CALLING ATTENTION TO—

(1) RICE SCARCITY IN THE NILGIRIS DISTRICT.

SRI T. KARCHA GOWDER : Sir, I call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Food to a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the inability of the Government to supply rice to the family card holders in the Nilgiris district for the last two weeks and the grave situation prevailing in the district.

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the entire Nilgiris district is covered by informal rationing and in order to meet the commitment, rice has to be moved from the districts of Thanjavur, North Arcot, South Arcot and Chingleput. Owing to the adverse south-west monsoon, the opening of the Mettur Dam 10-30
for irrigation which was due on 12th June 1966 was delayed till 21st July 1966. This upset the calculations in the food budget of the different districts as it involved an additional quantity of 80,000 tonnes of rice for issue through cards in Madras State. As such, movement to Nilgiris has to be planned on the basis of weekly supplies. Unfortunately during the middle of October 1966, there was heavy and continuous rain in the districts like Thanjavur and South Arcot. This involved delay in hulling and movement of rice to Nilgiris. In order to meet the situation, the Collector supplied 600 grams of rice per adult per week in the third week of October and 800 grams of rice per adult per week during the last week of October. This is against the normal supply of 1,200 grams of rice. The shortfall was made good by issue of more Atta and Milo. In addition to this, Milo and Ragi were also supplied to the card